

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1748

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SHORTAGE OF PIPELINES

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned 'shortage of pipelines robs of Delhi of gas' applying in the 'Times of India' dated June 17, 2002;
- (b) if so, whether the laying of piped natural gas in Delhi is being delayed;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken and the period fixed by the Government to cover the entire capital by laying piped natural gas?

Answer

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PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) has already developed infrastructure for supply of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to 16,000 customers and have laid a pipeline network of 250 km. By March, 2003 IGL plan to develop infrastructure to cater about 22,000 customers. As per the business plan of IGL, the number of PNG connections is expected to increase to about 20 lakh by 2020 subject to demand for such connections and availability of natural gas.